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1. In local meetings of voters in the various electoral districts held prior to the elections a candidate was proposed and invariably was nominated without opposition, due to public fear of OZNA. The local OF (Liberation Front) Committees were not consulted nor their opinions sought in connection with the appointment of candidates. Only Communists and CP sympathizers were nominated. In most cases, the Secretary of the OF Committee is also the Secretary of the local Communist Party cell. Thus, the Liberation Front is made totally a tool of the Communist Party.
2. Slovenia is comprised of 120 electoral districts, and each district was authorized to elect one deputy. In 110 districts there existed a choice of two candidates, but neither candidate could be classified as "opposition," as the nomination of all candidates was controlled by the Communist Party either directly or through the OF secretaries. Boris Kidrich and Edvard Kardelj, both members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovenia and ministers in the Central Government at Belgrade, were each candidates in three electoral districts; and Miha Marinko, President of the Slovene Federal Government and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovenia and of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia, was a candidate in two electoral districts. In each case no "opposing" candidate was nominated, and the election of these three officials gave the Communist Party eight more seats in Parliament.
3. An analysis of the political composition of the newly-elected members of Parliament reveals the following:

A. Confirmed members of the Communist Party:

Ljubljana City District

- (1) Edvard Kardelj
- (2) Boris Kidrich
- (3) Miha Marinko
- (4) Angela Osepek, President of Central Committee of Anti-Fascist Women's Front
- (5) Boris Kraiger, Slovene Minister of Interior
- (6) Dr. Marijan Brezelj, Slovene Vice-President
- (7) Franc Kimovec, Chief of Personnel Section of Slovene Government
- (8) Lt. Gen. Jaka Avsich, Yugoslav Army
- (9) Mira Tomsich

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Note: All together in the Ljubljana City District thirteen deputies were elected, of which only Edvard Kocbek and Dr. Anton Melik are known not to be CP members, although they also support the Party.

Celje District

- (1) Boris Kidrich
- (2) Miha Markinko
- (3) Franc Leskosek, Minister of Industry and Mining in Slovenia
- (4) Col. Peter Stante, Yugoslav Army
- (5) Jozse Brilej, Chief of Political Section in Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Belgrade
- (6) Olga Vrabich, Medical Student, Ljubljana
- (7) Stane Kovac, Section Chief of Government
- (8) Pavle Baloh, Secretary of District Committee of Liberation Front in Smarje near Jelse
- (9) Dr. Miha Kambich, Minister of Slovene Government
- (10) Milan Venisnik, Lawyer, Celje
- (11) Sergej Kraiger, President of Slovene Planning Commission
- (12) Alojz Ribich, Miner, Trbovlje
- (13) Lidja Sentjurc, Professor, Ljubljana
- (14) Janez Vipotnik, Ljubljana

Note: All together in the Celje District twenty-two deputies were elected, of which fourteen are known members of the Communist Party.

Ljubljana District

- (1) Leopold Macek
- (2) Lt. Col. Matija Malezich
- (3) Vlado Kozak, Editor of Kmecki Glas
- (4) Franc Mojskerc
- (5) Maj. Gen. Ivan Macek, Vice-President of Slovene Government
- (6) Boris Ziherle, Editor
- (7) Stane Kaucich
- (8) Lt. Col. Rudolf Hribnik
- (9) Dr. Jozse Rus, Vice-President of Parliament at Belgrade
- (10) Mara Bester, Student
- (11) Ivo Svetina, Ass't Slovene Minister of Interior
- (12) Tomo Brejc, Slovene Minister of Labor
- (13) Tone Fajfar, Slovene Minister of Commerce and Supply
- (14) Anton Krisisnik, Slovene Minister for Social Assistance
- (15) Maks Krmelj, Farmer, Hotovlje
- (16) Ivan Trojar, Worker, Ojstri Vrh
- (17) Lt. Col. Janko Rudolf, Yugoslav Army
- (18) Maj. Gen. Rado Pehacek, Yugoslav Army
- (19) Dr. Bozidar Lavrich, University Professor
- (20) Edvard Kardelj

Note: Of twenty-nine deputies elected, twenty are members of the Communist Party.

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Maribor District

- (1) Dr. Marijan Ahcin, Slovene Minister of Public Health
- (2) Andrej Vrbich, Secretary of District Committee of Liberation Front (OOF) in Dolnja Lendava
- (3) Ignac Litrop, Farmer
- (4) Franc Lubej, Teacher, Secretary of Presidium of Slovene Parliament
- (5) Ivan Fajdiga, Secretary of District Committee of Liberation Front (OOF) in Ljutomer
- (6) Maj. Martin Grajf, Yugoslav Army
- (7) Zoran Polich, Slovene Finance Minister
- (8) Vinko Sumrada, Secretary of City Committee of Liberation Front (MOOF) in Maribor
- (9) Dr. Stanko Stor, Government employee
- (10) Edo Zorko, Farmer
- (11) Dr. Ferdo Kozak, Slovene Minister of Education
- (12) Milan Kosmel, Chief of Section in Ministry of Interior, Maribor
- (13) Joze Siftar, Farmer
- (14) Lt.Col. Janko Sakirnik, Yugoslav Army
- (15) Joze Jurac
- (16) Maj.Gen. Dusan Kvedar, Yugoslav Army
- (17) Ivan Bratko, Chief Editor of Ljudska Pravica
- (18) Franc Somoncich
- (19) Dr. Joze Potrc, physician
- (20) Heli Mocich, Vice-President of Supreme Court in Ljubljana
- (21) Ivan Nemec, Section Chief of Slovene Ministry of Agriculture
- (22) Col. Alojz Vrhovec, Yugoslav Army
- (23) Edvard Kardelj

Note: Of thirty-six deputies elected, twenty-three are members of the Communist Party.

Novo Mesto District

- (1) Niko Belopavlovich
- (2) Col. Stane Semich-Daki, Yugoslav Army
- (3) Col. Janez Hribar, Yugoslav Army and Minister of Slovene Government
- (4) Ing. Joze Levisnik, Member of Slovene Control Commission
- (5) Col. Stane Potocnik, Yugoslav Army
- (6) Vida Tomsich, President of Slovene Control Commission
- (7) Lt.Col. Franc Tavcar, Yugoslav Army
- (8) Bogdan Osolnik, Secretary of District Committee of Liberation Front (OOOF) in Novo Mesto
- (9) Karel Strukel, Secretary of District Committee of Liberation Front (OOOF) in Trebinje
- (10) Maj. Nace Majcen, Yugoslav Army
- (11) Boris Kidrich

Note: Of twenty deputies elected, eleven are members of the Communist Party.

B. Believed to be members of Communist Party:

- (1) Oton Zupancich, Author, Ljubljana
- (2) Josip Vidmar, Author, and President of Presidium of Slovene Parliament (SNOS)
- (3) Joze Petejan, Member of District Committee of Liberation Front (OOOF) in Maribor
- (4) Anton Alich, Miner, Trbovlje
- (5) Alojz Lesnik, Chief of Naproze, Lasko
- (6) Franc Furlan, Farmer, Verd
- (7) Dr. Miha Potocnik, Director of "Kranjska Industrijska Druzba" (KID), Jesenice
- (8) Anton Igolich, Author, Maribor
- (9) Simon Jokovicich, President of District Executive Committee in Novo Mesto
- (10) Vlado Zel, 1999/09/08 : CIA-RDP82-00457R000300410010-6
- (11) Alojz Colarich, Worker, President of OKLO in Krsko

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3. Of a total of 120 deputies, the Communist Party has seventy-seven who are confirmed Party members, plus eleven who are believed to be members or are, at least, strong sympathizers of the Party. Thus, the Communists control a solid block of eighty-eight votes. Source believes an even larger number may actually be Communists, although accurate information was not available.
4. Voting was heavy due to coercion on the part of the Government, which threatened to punish failure to vote by imprisonment, requisitioning of property, and loss of ration cards.
5. Opposition candidates were allowed only theoretically. In Kamnik and Jesenice a group of farmers who were suspected of preparing a list of real opposition candidates was arrested by the Government. Since all newspapers and printing establishments are under Government control, no printed opposition propaganda appeared.

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